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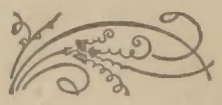

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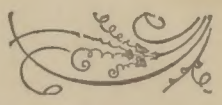

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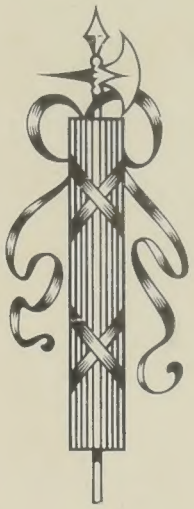

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FOREWORD

THE Pottsville Police Department in publishing this manual are in hopes of promoting the proposition of Cooperation. They are sure that when the citizens of this communtiy realize the difficult and perilous positions that officers of the law are facing almost daily in the promotion of their work, that they will make it a point to cooperate with the police. In this manual will be found stories of actual police work in Pottsville and while the purpose is not to go into detail in general criminology, it is expected with the few descriptive stories contained herein, to plainly indicate the necessity for the cooperation of the citizens with the police.

It is a known fact that there are many people who consider that a policeman, an umpire or referee as public servants should be forced to accept such treatment as the general public sees fit to give them. This age is quite different and in the larger cities where education has begun in the direction of uniting the enforcement officers and the citizens, the benefits have already become quite noticeable.

These policemen who safeguard your property, provide protection to humanity, deserve the praise of everyone. After they have put in years of this faithful service, they begin to age. The only incentive to have policemen continue on the job until they are too old, is to provide a pension fund for them. This initial manual is leading up to that and if the guiding hand of He, who knows best, sees fit to establish this fund, it is probable that this will be the next important movement in the evolution of the city police department.

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When he took office, he announced that he intended to clean up the city and he fathered the movement in cleaning up the fifth ward, which for years was a source of complaint in this city.

Mayor Pritchard is a great booster for his home town wherever he visits and he has been responsible for many big affairs coming to this city, besides being instrumental in bringing several industries to this city.

Mayor Pritchard is the third mayor of this city. F. Pierce Mortimer served two terms and he was followed by Mayor Bearstler and Mayor Pritchard succeeded Mayor Bearstler.

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Albert H. Smith, sergeant of police, is one of the most prominent policemen in the city ranks. A miner by occupation before entering the duties of police, Smith made hundreds of friends all over the mining region. He was born September 7, 1872, and Pottsville has been his home all his life. On March 15, 1908, Smith entered upon police duties in Pottsville, with Hiram S. Davies as the chief of police here. He was, for quite some time, a traffic officer, but with the retirement of Sergeants Shuvlin and Graeff, Smith and Scott were made sergeants. He has had experience in every line of police work and is credited with being the most calm policeman that ever saw service in this city. Smith is a married man and his home is in the seventh ward.

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Blankenhorn entered the role of policeman in Pottsville, January 1, 1913, resigning a position as boilermaker at the local P. & R. C. & I. shops, to assume the duties of a patrolman. In December, 1922, he was made a traffic policeman and continued this post until a few months ago.

He has figured in many of the city's most prominent police cases, included among which are the arrests of alleged murderers, burglars and other felons. He is a member of the Good Intent Fire Co.

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Morgan E. Skidmore, patrolman, now resides at 800 Walnut St., formerly residing in the other precinct of the Sixth Ward. He is a native of Pottsville and is included among the senior members of the city police force, entering upon these duties in 1915.

Officer Skidmore has been active in every department of the city police work, has served faithfully during his time as a policeman and has figured in many important arrests in the city. In almost every felony committed in the Fifth Ward, Officer Skidmore has been assigned and he has shown results in every case to which he was assigned. He is feared in this one particular so called "rough" district, in this city and because of his knowledge of affairs in that ward, has served overlapping time on that district. Officer Skidmore is married and is the father of one child. He is now serving his 12th year as a member of the local department.

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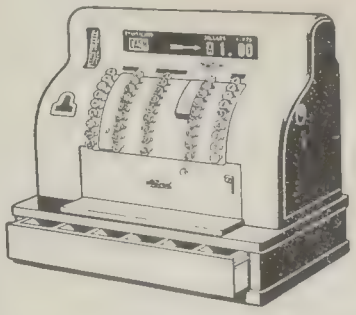

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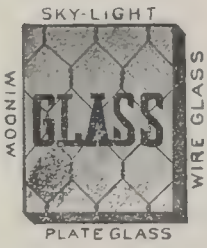

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Officer Deegan has figured very prominently in the largest criminal cases in the city's annals, during the three years that he has been a patrolman. He has served in every capacity in the police department and has taken a big part in the roundup of fugitives wanted for serious felonies, within the city limits. He entered the roster of the Pottsville Police Department on May 1, 1924, at the same time that Joseph Christ was sworn in.

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Officer Christ, during his short time on the police force, has seen action in many of the city's most important cases and has figured in many of the major arrests. He has participated in every phase of police work and has often been commended for the faithful service he has rendered.

Christ is married and resides in Yorkville. He is a member of the Yorkville Hose Co., where he is extremely popular.

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Silas Collins, patrolman, is a native of St. Clair, born April 8, 1896, and has been a resident of Pottsville almost ten years. He resides on Schuylkill Ave., above Seventh St. Collins saw service in the late world war being credited with almost thirty months in Ambulance Co. No. 10 of the U. S. Regular Army. During his time overseas, Collins figured in many thrilling affairs and was commended for his general activity. Prior to becoming a patrolman, Collins was an employe of the Reading Co., working out of St. Clair yards. Upon entering the local police service, Collins was assigned as motorcycle policeman, accepting that duty August 4, 1925. Collins has figured in many of the more important arrests in the city during the past two years and has seen service in every role of the department.

Officer Collins is married to Florence Moore of Schuylkill Ave., and is one of the youngest members of the city force.

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OFFICER DeROSE

Nicholas DeRose, patrolman, first began duties on the local city police force on May 1, 1924. Prior to coming to Pottsville, DeRose served in the world war, being overseas for eleven months, where he saw active service. He enlisted in the Third New Jersey National Guards, November 16, 1916 and in the 114th U. S. Infantry, 29th Division, August 5, 1917. He was honorably discharged from service May 16, 1919.

DeRose is a trained policeman, having served with Troop C, State Police Dept., located here for three years, one month and fifteen days. He holds an honorable discharge from that organization. During his service with the state police, he figured in many prominent arrests in the state, among them the famous Coughlin kidnapping case, one of the state's most historic felonies, committed at Norristown. Associated with the present chief of police, Fred M. Dewald, a series of continued robberies were cleaned up which brought forth commendation from the mayor.

Officer DeRose is president of the Fraternal Order of Police, Pottsville Lodge, is a member of the Robert Woodbury Post American Legion and has been a member of the American Hose Fire Co. for several years.

He is married to a Pottsville young lady, Mary E. Bartsch and to this union was born a daughter, Louise, who departed this life September 6, 1925. DeRose resides at 511 E. Norwegian St.

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Clarence S. Eisenhuth, patrolman, is the youngest member of the city police force, in age and in point of duty. He is a native of New Castle, above St. Clair, born March 21, 1902. He was reared in Pottsville and is very prominent throughout this city. He was the last policeman to be named to the city force and since he has been in service, has figured in many of the major cases in the city and when in service less than a week, was forced to send a prisoner to the hospital, the result of a beating, as the prisoner tried to hold him at bay with a revolver. For this act, he was highly commended by the mayor. He has taken part in many of the raids, has been used in every department of the local force and is looked upon as capable for any department.

Officer Eisenhuth is married and resides on N. Third St. He is secretary of the Pottsville Lodge Fraternal Order of Police and was one of the organizers for the local lodge.

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EVOLUTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pottsville today has its best police department in its history and credit is due to the individual members of the department for the co-operation and manner in which they are handling the important office entrusted to them. Ever since Pottsville became a city, efforts were put forth to create a police department that would handle that department in an efficient manner, and the present department has earned the laurels it has already won. Under the guiding hand of Mayor Lamar L. Pritchard, who has repeatedly impressed upon the members of the force the fact that he would stand back of them, the department has improved very materially, and the fact that so many arrests have been made as a result of investigations during his regime, shows the spirit with which the men have entered upon their work and the results they have shown is the fruit of many hardships.

Up until this administration, it was a rarity to see a policeman remain on a job after their shift was completed. It was sort of an unwritten law, that the day shift would relieve the night shift or vice versa, where criminals were being sought. With the present department, it is a common thing to see many of the officers remain continuously on the job, furnish their own automobiles to run down criminals, and the records made by the present department are clear indications of what can be accomplished with the proper co-operation.

Fred W. Dewald, formerly a patrolman, who has had the experience in that capacity, is the chief of the Police Department. He has declared over and over again that he has a body of men such as the community never before saw assembled and he is confident that every man that he has in his employ is working for the best interests of the city. It is true that the manual labor connected with the police work of today is considerably less than in the days that have passed, but criminology reports prove that the real police work has increased in the past ten years by more than 700 per cent., which means, of course, that an efficient department must be made up of men capable of reasoning, of physical strength and with hearts of steel.

The late Charles Graeff and John Shuvlin, sergeants, at the time of their death, often described how in the early days, police work was entirely different than at present. Back in the days that have passed, the principal work of the police was to make sure that lights were lit, and at the first call of an intoxicated man, the cart known as the "Black Maria" was summoned.

In those days there were only the gas lights in this borough and the policemen carried little ladders and a torch, and it was their duty to see to it that the street lights were lit and extinguished again in the morning.

Today, the police work is entirely different. A policeman is the guardian of the people. With crooks having so successfully operated in every section of the country, police have to be ever on the alert and study the community they are given to patrol.

The fact that the present department has made more than 160 arrests as a result of investigations, proves that the mental ability is not lacking, and to show who came in contact with the police, it is easily seen that there is a vast improvement over the departments of those days of long ago.

This department, under Mayor Pritchard, has not in its existence, allowed the persecution of a single prisoner. This will not be tolerated. They want the good will of every citizen, who is law abiding and all they ask is the co-operation of the inhabitants, in order that they might perfect a department of which the entire State will be proud.

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A POLICEMAN 24 YEARS

Edward Scott, sergeant, the oldest officer in the city department, was honored by fellow members on the occasion of his celebrating the 24th anniversary of his becoming a policeman. Sergeant Scott joined the local police force on March 16, 1903, and has been associated with the department continuously since that time. He has seen active service in every department, starting as a patrolman, then in plain clothes work, later as a regular traffic man and finally as sergeant.

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PATROL WAGON COMES NEXT

The next addition to the city police department is a patrol wagon, something that has been needed for years here. Mayor Pritchard has promised the department a patrol wagon just as soon as finances permit, and he says that it will not be very long until it is forthcoming. There will be no extra expense in the operation of a patrol wagon as far as employing another man to drive it, for there are sufficient men on the force who can operate an automobile, to assure its use. A patrol wagon has been sought for two years past, and this is the first administration to give it consideration.

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MANY SEEK POLICE EMBLEMS

One of the most popular stunts that the local police have put across is their enlistment in the Fraternal Order of Police. This organization has a system of putting out emblems, showing the sign of the order and these are disposed of to owners of automobiles, whom the police know will be a help to them in the enforcement of traffic laws. Every day there are requests made for these emblems, but the local police have been unable to get a sufficient number to go around. As time goes on, however, they will secure their allotment and this section will have its representation on the highways with police emblems.

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CHANGE IN POLICE SYSTEM

During the past few months, Chief Dewald has changed the system of the police department, in the matter of duty hours. Instead of having two regular day traffic men, as has been the custom for years, the revolution system is used and now every man gets a chance at day shift and night shift. Under the old system, an officer only got day shift once every eight months. Under the new system it is almost every third month and on some occasions every second month. The police seem to like it better and it gives them the opportunity to participate in the extra work that is assigned the men, for which there is additional compensation.

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A YORKVILLE FIRE SIREN

Among the recent additions to the department, operated by city policemen, is the new fire and emergency siren, placed in Yorkville. It is operated from City Hall, by a switch beside the control that operates the police horn at Centre and Norwegian Streets. The new siren can be used for any purpose and it has already demonstrated its value in the use it has been given on several occasions. There was need for something of the sort, the city fathers said, so they agreed on the type and had it installed. Saturday at noon is test day for this siren, by order of the mayor.

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From now on let's remember this,
And help where 'ere we can,
Let us not expect too much
For a cop is only a man.
A little help from each of us
Will make a better band,
Let's hide our kicks, O Gee,
Ain't nature grand!

—The Author.

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IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Pottsville Police Department take this means to express their sympathy to the survivors of the late Charles McClennan, formerly a patrolman in this city. Officer McClennan always did his duty. He commanded the respect of everyone and was a very efficient officer. It is to be regretted that he was called to the Great Beyond and we join with his relatives and associates in expressing our sorrow over his death.

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The invitation to the local department of police to become a member came after national officers of the F. O. P. realized the advancement of the Pottsville police department. Sergeant Larkin of Reading, one of the most popular officers of the Fraternal Order of Police, interviewed the local patrolmen and arranged for their enrollment in the lodge.

They were instituted as a part of this lodge and are known as Pottsville Lodge No. 44. This lodge has in its area all of the smaller places in this district and Schuylkill Haven has already taken out a membership under the local lodge and Frackville has about completed its arrangements to enter, with several other departments closeby desiring to become affiliated with it.

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34—Sixth and Pierce
35—Ninth and Mahantongo
36—Third and Mahantongo
37—Second and Pierce
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42—Seventh and W. Market
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44—Thirteenth and Norwegian
45—Ninth and Grant
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512—York Farm
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ONE WAY STREETS

The City Council of the City of Pottsville does hereby ordain:

That Section 1 of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Supplemental to an Ordinance," entitled, "An Ordinance regulating traffic upon the streets and highways of the Borough of Pottsville, etc., approved August 6, 1912, declaring certain streets to be one way streets, and regulating the traffic on said streets, and prescribing penalties for violation of its provisions," approved June 19, 1923, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Ordinance the following streets or parts of streets are hereby declared to be one way streets, namely: West Laurel Street from Centre Street to Third Street; Race Street from Third Street to Railroad Street; Arch Street from Railroad Street to Third Street; Mahantongo Street from Centre Street to Railroad Street; Fourth Street from Market Street to Norwegian Street; North Eleventh Street from Market Street to Arch Street; Logan Street from Norwegian Street to Arch Street; Fifth Street from Market Street to Arch Street; and East Market Street from Centre Street to Railroad Street.

That Section 2 of said Ordinance be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. That all automobile and other vehicular traffic on the aforesaid streets shall be as follows, to wit: On West Laurel Street from Centre Street to Third Street, westward;—on Race Street from Third Street to Railroad Street, eastward;—on Arch Street from Railroad Street to Third Street, westward; on Mahantongo Street from Centre Street to Railroad Street eastward;—on Fourth Street from Market Street to Norwegian Street, southward;—on North Eleventh Street from Market Street to Arch Street, northward;—on Logan Street from Norwegian Street to Arch Street, northward;—on Fifth Street from Market Street to Arch Street, northward, and on East Market Street from Centre Street to Railroad Street, eastward."

Enacted into an Ordinance this Ninth Day of June, A. D. 1925.

Approved:

J. OREN BEARSTLER, Mayor.

Attest:—G. A. BERNER, City Clerk.

The City Council of the City of Pottsville Does Hereby Ordain:

Section 1. That Section 4 of an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance regulating traffic upon the Streets and Highways of the Borough (now City) of Pottsville, declaring certain acts pertaining thereto to be nuisances, and prescribing penalties for violation of its provision," approved the 6th day of August, 1912, is hereby amended to read as follows:—

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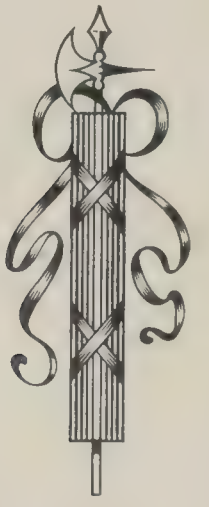

Section 4. All vehicles shall keep to the right of the centre of the street in the direction in which they are going. In turning corners to the right, all vehicles shall keep to the right of the centre of the street. In turning corners to the left, they shall, before turning p[illegible] to the right of the intersection of the two streets.

Any person or persons driving motors or o[illegible]
and Highways of the City of Pottsville shall observe the
on the beacons or silent policemen at street intersections wherever the same are in operation in said City, and any person or persons approaching a street intersection where signal lights are installed and in operation [illegible]all observe signal instructions to traffic as indicated by said lights, as follows, to wit:—The red light indicating a stop; the green light indicating the r[illegible]ht of way or go; the amber light is the signal for change of signal light; [illegible] all cases left hand turns shall be made on the red light.

Enacted into an Ordinance this 29th day of J[illegible]y, A. D. 1925.

Approved:

J. OREN BEARSTLER, Mayor.

Attest:—G. A. BERNER, City Clerk.

PARKING ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Pottsville does hereby ordain:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this Ordinance no person or persons shall park any motor or other vehicle on Coal Street between Norwegian Street and Washington Street, nor on Fourth Street from Market Street to Norwegian Street, nor on North Eleventh Street from Market Street to Arch Street, nor on South Second Street from Mahantongo Street to Howard Avenue, nor on West Market Street for a distance of forty feet from the westwardly building line of Centre Street.

Section 2. No parking shall be permitted on the south side of West Laurel Street from Centre Street to Third Street, nor on the north side of Race Street from Third Street to Railroad Street, nor on the south side of Arch Street from Railroad Street to Third Street, nor on the north side of Mahantongo Street from Centre Street to Railroad Street; nor on the west side of Second Street north of Market Street.

Section 3. That no person or persons shall park any motor or other vehicle in front of any business place on Centre Street between the Sheafer Building and Wynn Street, nor on West Market Street between Centre Street and Fourth Street, between the hours of eight o'clock A. M., and six o'clock P. M. for a longer time than one hour in any one place, during every day of the week excepting Sunday.

Section 4. That the term "business place" as used in this Ordinance shall be defined to mean any place where commercial, professional or other business is conducted on the first floor of the building.

Section 5. No person or persons shall park any motor, or other vehicle on any of the other public streets and highways of the City, or at any other time than as heretofore specified, for a longer time than five hours; nor shall any person or persons at any time use the public streets and highways of the City as a garage for the purpose of storing his or her automobile or automobiles, or other vehicle or vehicles thereon.

Section 6. Any person or persons, firm or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof before the Mayor or any alderman of this City, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding

ten ($10) dollars, in addition to the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment in the Schuylkill County Jail for a period of time not exceeding ten (10) days.

Section 7. All Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Enacted into an Ordinance this 16th day of August, A. D. 1923.

Approved Aug. 16, 1923.

J. OREN BEARSTLER, Mayor.

Attest:—G. A. BERNER, City Clerk.

CLOSE TO CURB

No motor or other vehicle shall be parked in any street in this city unless the same be parallel to and within ten (10) inches of the curb-line.

ENGINE RUNNING

No motor vehicle shall be parked with its engine running.

FIRE HYDRANTS AND STREET CORNERS

That no person or persons shall park any motor or other vehicle in any street within twenty (20) feet of any fire hydrant within the City Limits, nor within twenty (20) feet of any street intersection within the City limits; nor within twenty (20) feet of any fire-engine house on the same side of the street on which the said fire engine house is situated, nor within fifty (50) feet of said fire-engine house on the side of the street opposite such fire-engine house.

BUSINESS HOUSES

Any business house, whose business in the opinion of the police department necessitates it, may request the police department to furnish it with "no parking" signs, to be placed in front or in the rear of said business house, and when such signs have been furnished by the police department, at the cost of such business house and erected, no motor or other vehicle shall be parked within the limits of such sign during the hours of 8 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M.

STREETS FORBIDDEN PARKING

That no person or persons shall park any motor or other vehicle in Logan alley in the City of Pottsville, nor on East Market Street between Centre and Railroad Streets, nor on the eastwardly side of Second Street between West Mahantongo Street and West Market Street; nor on West Norwegian Street between Centre Street and Second Street; nor on the eastwardly side of North Centre Street between East Sanderson Street or Wynn alley and Harrison Street; nor on the south side of West Norwegian Street between Second and Third Streets.

ONE WAY STREETS

That all automobile and other vehicular traffic on the aforesaid streets shall be as follows, to wit: On West Laurel Street from Centre Street to Third Street, westward; on Race Street from Third Street to Railroad Street, eastward; on Arch Street from Railroad Street to Third Street, westward; on Mahantongo Street from Railroad Street to Centre Street, eastward; on Fourth Street from Market Street to Norwegian Street, southward; on North Eleventh Street from Market Street to Arch Street, northward

Foreword

THE CITY OF POTTSVILLE is particularly fortunate in selecting men for its Police Department that have stood for the best service to its citizens.

The strain upon the men who have served the city is such as to leave them prematurely aged, daily performing tasks that pass unnoticed, though of vital importance to the welfare of every one in the city.

With this in view, twelve years ago, the citizens were called upon to co-operate with these minions of the law, and do everything to make it possible for its guardians of the day and night to be encouraged in their work, and thus make it possible to give protection to property and life, and make of the City of Pottsville a desirable place in which to reside.

At that time, it was advocated that the officers associate themselves with an organization that would provide them with comfort when age and illness o'ertake them, hence they allied themselves with the Fraternal Order of Police, since which time, the terros of old age with loss of remuneration for labors well spent, has been eliminated, and those disabled have been cared for and no longer is the dread of want ever present with them.

Thirteen members was the enrollment of the force, six of whom have passed to the Great Beyond, some enjoying the benefits of their action taken at that time, and after faithfully serving the City, are now retired, with comfort as their portion to alleviate the suffering of a long trek for the protection of the citizens of our City.

All these wardens of the peace ask of our citizens, is their wholehearted co-operation at all times, render assistance rather than withhold support, and thus do an act that will bring renown to the City of Pottsville through its efficient police department.

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With fourteen men enrolled and two substitutes, I found the men to be capable and efficient in their duties but handicapped by the lack of co-operation and the absence of interest in them, which was so necessary to maintain the morale and standing of the Department.

With these fourteen men as a nucleus we proceeded to enlarge and augment the force, not only numerically but in the matter of equipment, and, within a few months time every man was uniformly dressed in a winter outfit of blue and a summer outfit of khaki.

By the addition from time to time of police equipment such as tear gas, riot guns, machine guns, standard revolvers, hand-cuffs, and personal equipment, and the increase from time to time in men, as was possible by our limited budget; we were on the way to put the Pottsville Police Department as a whole and as individuals on their own feet challenging the world as to equipment, deportment and personnel.

In planning the new City Hall, with the co-operation of every member of the Administration, I was able to inject into the plans, many of my own embellishments so that the Department of Justice in this City should have a home second to none, which is now attested by the physical lay-out, to which the general public is continuously invited.

Almost the entire half of the first floor is devoted to the offices of the Chief of Police, teletype room, Sergeant's office, police court, City Magistrate's office and the Mayor's suite; and, practically the entire basement is devoted to the upbuilding of the morale and physical perfection of our men, equipped as it is with locker rooms, modern gymnasium, shower rooms, recreation room, ordnance room and a revolver and rifle range the entire length of the building.

Today the personnel of the Pottsville Police Department is of the highest calibre, with thirty-five men actively under arms, completely and uniformly equipped for every emergency and augmented by two motor-cycles, two automobiles, one used jointly as a safety car; and everything known to modern science for the apprehension and conviction of those who trespass against the law.

After serving five years in this office, I look back with a feeling of accomplishment; and forward with pride, with this body of Pottsville's citizens trained in every branch of their duties, and dedicate them to the City of Pottsville, without qualification, as POTTSVILLE'S FINEST.

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Since the Pottsville police have become members of the Fraternal Order of Police, there has been a steady demand for emblems that the organization permits its members to give out to owners of autos who find these emblems quite an aid when traffic conditions arise, in all parts of the country. The sign of the order is one that brings assistance under trying conditions, and the Pottsville police willingly grant the wish of those who apply for one.

MUSIC FOR POLICEMEN'S BALL

Charley Artz and his entire Band will furnish music for the Police Ball this year, when the grand entrance will usher in this annual affair at the Armory, October 5th, with social distinction befitting the standing of the Pottsville Police in this city. The strains from the Charley Artz Band will make the most reserved citizen step out in a graceful rythm of music and fun. You just can't resist getting out on the dance floor when the Band strikes up a tune.

THE COMMITTEE

The Policemen's Ball this year has been well organized, and success is sure to meet their efforts. The Committee is composed as follows: Charles A. Heiser, chairman; Norman Kline, secretary; Sergt. Joseph Christ, treasurer; Sergt. A. J. Downey and LeRoy McGlone, president of Pottsville Lodge, No. 44, F. O. P. All did valiant service to make this the most delightful affair thus far held by the Pottsville police.

EXCELLENT CHARITABLE WORK

The Police Ball is given for the purpose of creating a fund for charitable purposes, one of the most successful events of this nature is the Kiddies Party held during Christmas week, at which time over 400 orphan children have been entertained at a banquet of delicious proportions, followed by motion pictures, a bag of fruits, candies and nuts and a gift for each one, the police having been aided by business men and other citizens of the city. For ten years the Fraternal Order of Police, No. 44 of Pottsville have given the orphans from the Children's Home, Pottsville, and St. Francis Orphanage, Orwigsburg, the party that has now become famous as the Kiddies Christmas Party.

POTTSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This city is known as the one that has the greatest volunteer department in the State, in charge of Fire Chief George A. Smith, who has done excellent work with the volunteer firemen of the city, all of whom take pride in their duties as firemen, harmony prevailing in every line of service.

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In Memoriam.

As the roll is called for the Pottsville Police Department, it is found there has been called from the ranks, the following members who have answered the summons to serve in the ranks in the Kingdom above:

MORGAN SKIDMORE
ALBERT SMITH
EDWARD SCOTT
GEORGE BLANKENHORN
CHARLES MILLER
FRED DeWALD

There's a step long noted, now silent,
That passed by my door night and day,
Which assured me that peace was my portion,
My fears, they would promptly allay.

'Twas the step of the cop on the corner,
No matter what weather it be,
He was there for my safety in slumber,
And remained to a faithful degree.

At the signal of riot or danger,
Forgetful of loved ones at home,
He rushed to the fray for my safety,
Unaided, so often, alone.

But the years of those silent watches,
Have left a sad mark as his fate,
And the cop on the corner has answered,
The roll call to heav'nly estate.

But I know that a merciful Father,
Will welcome him into His own,
Where no hand of the artisan entered,
In building that beautiful home.

So a tear for the cop on the corner,
Courses down my deep furrowed face,
And I know I shall meet him up yonder,
On guard, with a kindly embrace.

—Contributed to Pottsville Police by E. L. C. of the "Republican".

CHIEF DEEGAN

Leo Deegan, Chief of Police, attained that honor in 1935 by appointment of Mayor Claude A. Lord, having advanced to a sergeancy under the administration of Mayor John H. Dengler, and had entered the roster of the Pottsville Police Department May 1, 1924.

He is a native of Pottsville, educated in the Pottsville schools and resides at 375 Peacock Street with his wife and family. Enlisted in the U. S. Regular Army, August 9, 1918, serving during the World War, receiving an honorable discharge December 21, 1919. In his earlier years, he was a boxer of reputation, and was sought by many of the leading boxing clubs of the day in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

During his years in the service of the Pottsville Police Department, he has figured in some of the most prominent criminal cases in the annals of the city, serving in every capacity, rounding up fugitives charged with serious felonies and has been one of the most aggressive members of the force.

As Chief of Police, he is indefatigable in the community's best interests.

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Standing: Eisenhuth, (resigned), Torpey, Collins, Skidmore, (deceased), Deegan, (now Chief of Police), Madara, (retired), DeRose, (resigned), Christ. Seated: Miller, (deceased), Sergt. Smith, (deceased), Chief DeWald, (deceased), Sergt. Scott, (deceased), Sergt. Blankenhorn, (deceased).

Who's Who in Pottsville Police Dept.

The number shown is the number of the officer's badge, as noted on opposite page.

OFFICIALS

1x Mayor Claude A. Lord, Department Head.
2x Chief Leo S. Deegan, an officer who inspires confidence.
3x Lieut. Silas Collins, holds a prominent place in the department.
4x Sergt. John P. Schnerring, has stood the test of time.
5x Sergt. Jos. Christ, a great bulwark to the force.
6x Sergt. Wm. Reinhard, is executive timber of ability.
7x Sergt. A. J. Downey, means business when those lips tighten.
8x Sergt. Fred Reinhold, is headed for highest service.

PATROLMEN

1 Jas. Torpey, Oldest Patrolman in point of service.
2 B. Roy McGlone, has the F. O. P. at heart.
3 Andrew C. Scheithauer, conscientious officer; square deal to all.
4 John Hulet, You all know Jack.
5 Charles Heiser, an officer from the past and present school.
6 Wm. Witmer, known among friends as "ginger."
7 John Tallon, proud of his Irish ability.
8 John Connors, singer and whistler of fame.
9 Edward Flanagan, known as "Mose" of American Hose fame.
10 Earl Gillinger, toured city on trolley car.
11 Charles Downey, smiles his way along the highway.
12 Henry Betz, home-loving to high degree.
13 Geo. Glaser, enjoys club swinging for exercise.
14 Norman Kline, commonly known as "sparky" by his friends.
15 Jos. Wollyung, his smiles wins many friends.
16 Ernest Ehlers, known as the "Flying Dutchman."
17 Robert Rehnert, oft mistaken for recent movie sheik.
18 Norbert Seaman, loved for his winning ways.
19 Harry Dunkelberger, one of the kids of the A. E. F.
20 James Shoener, a quiet, efficient officer under all conditions.
21 Bruno Tucci, a local boy who made the grade.
22 Wm. Schuster, ready for service at any hour.
23 Walter Berger, a popular athlete.
24 Alfred Bicht, came to the force from Seventh Ward.
25 Clyde W. Storch, made good in the V. F. W. lines.
26 Leo Close, direct from Ireland.
27 Harry Hughes, came over with Close.
28 Jos. Reith, Jr., has an infectious smile.

POTTSVILLE POLICE FORCE, 1938

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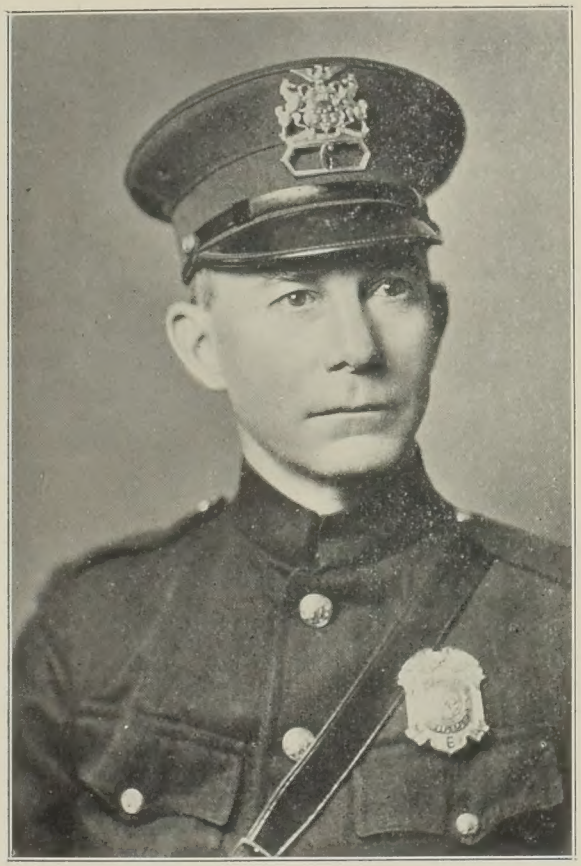

SERGEANT WALTER P. MADARA

Walter P. Madara, a native of Pottsville, after serving on the Pottsville Police force for 39 years, was retired suffering from infirmities contracted during his long term of service, which finally caused him to relinquish the arduous duties of helping to protect the public.

Mr. Madara came from a long line of illustrious patriots, his father being a veteran of the Civil War, who also was a patrolman of the Borough of Pottsville, being the late Zaccur P. Madara, a Councilman of the Borough for four years.

Walter P. was advanced to a sergeancy in the ranks before his retirement, and it is regrettable that health made it necessary to retire when he was enjoying life in the higher ranks. During the Spanish-American War he served from May 6, 1898 to his being mustered out March 9, 1899. He was a Game Warden for 8 years, Constable of the First Ward for 8 years, Patrolman of the Borough for three and a half years, and served on the Pottsville Police Force from Feb. 15, 1915 to Jan. 1st, 1936, when he retired. He is a member of Theodore Hoffman Camp, No. 32, Spanish-American War Veterans and of the Humane Fire Company. He comes of a pioneer family of Pottsville, originating in Reading in 1740, and to this region in 1806. Some member of the family have served this country from the Revolutionary War up to and including the World War. He was married to Irene E. Mader, and one daughter, Olga, is the result of that union.

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